

Global dynamics of discrete systems through Lie Symmetries

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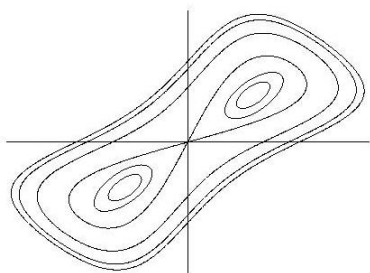
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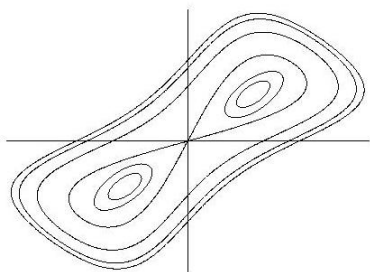
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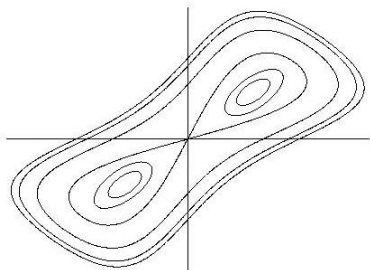
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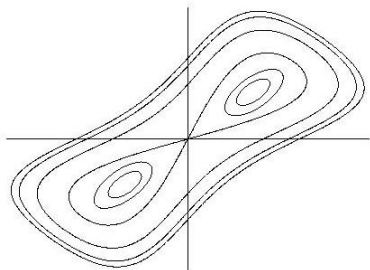
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Corollary 3 (**integrable** area preserving maps).

Let $F : \mathcal{U} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$, be an **integrable** area preserving map, i.e.
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The vector field X_μ , with $\mu(x) = \Phi(V_1(x), V_2(x), \dots, V_{n-1}(x))$, is a **Lie symmetry** for any smooth function $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

Corollary 4 (a class of **integrable** rational difference equations)

Consider $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \left(x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, \frac{R(x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)}{x_1}\right)$, **Integrable**.

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This result has been the key to study the dynamics of some difference equations of the form $x_{n+k} = \frac{R(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots, x_{n+k-1})}{x_n}$ for $n = 2$ and 3 .

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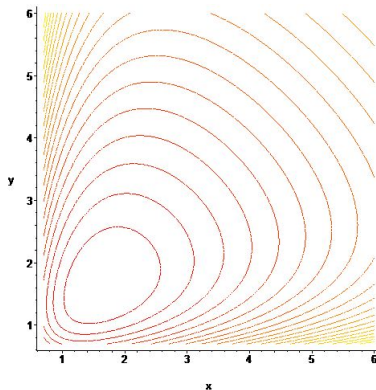
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for $a > 0$, are paradigmatic examples of integrable DDS, like the Mc. Millan or the QRT maps...

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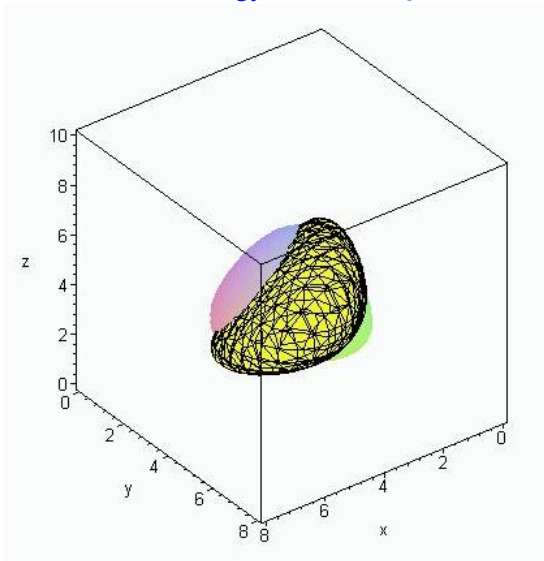
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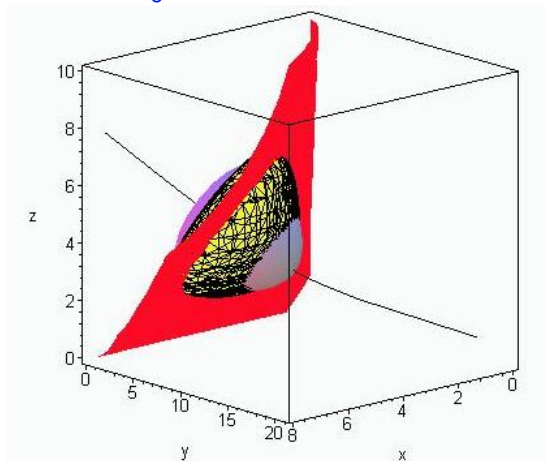
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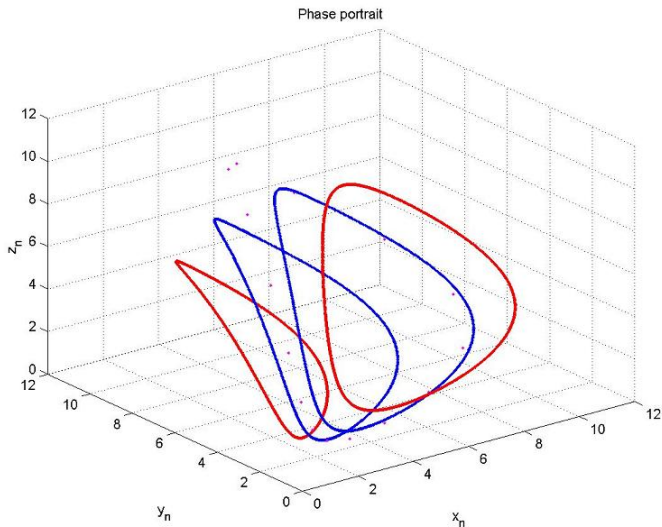
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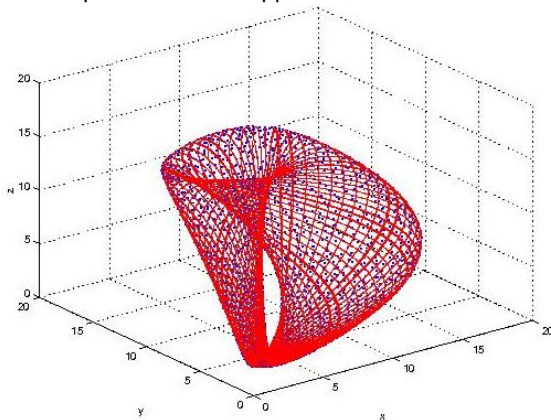
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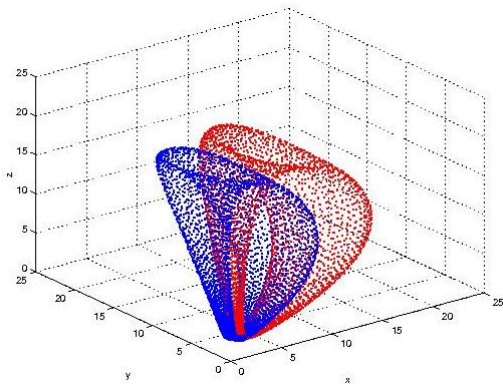
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